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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN MED - LIBYAN DANGER AREAS

REF: A. ROME 7648; B. ROME 6893

1. CITING LAST WEEK'S LIBYAN ATTACK ON USAF C-130, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DA RIN) HAS AGAIN RAISED WITH US ITALIAN RESERVATIONS OVER NATO POSITION ON HANDLING OF LIBYAN DANGER AREAS QUESTION. UNABLE TO AVOID A "WE-TOLD-YOU-SO" TONE, DA RIN OBSERVED THAT INCIDENT, WHICH APPARENTLY OCCURRED IN INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE LARG HAD "WARNED" US ABOUT, WAS PRECISELY THE SORT OF THING ITALIANS HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY RECOMMENDED THAT NATO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO FORMALLY PUTTING LIBYANS ON NOTICE THAT ALLIES REJECTED ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT DANGER AREAS AS IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

2. DA RIN REMINDED US (REFTELS) THAT ITALIAN CONCERN WITH DECISION NOT TO RAISE ISSUE WITH LARG WAS BASED ON FEAR THAT, IN EVENT OF AN INCIDENT, LIBYANS COULD CLAIM THE RESPONSIBILITY WAS OURS IN THAT WE HAD BEEN FOREWARNED AND HAD NOT EXPLICITLY OBJECTED. IN THIS CONNECTION, DA RIN NOTED DEPARTMENT SPOKES-
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MAN HAD STATED THAT THE U. S. HAD INFORMED LARG " PRIVATELY"
THAT IT REJECTED ATTEMPT TO INFRINGE UPON FREEDOM OF AIR SPACE
OVER HIGH SEAS. ITALIANS DOUBT LARG WILL VIAL USE

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